

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (original): A vehicle wheel bearing comprising:

- a) a vehicle-wheel-bearing monolithic, non-rotatable shaft which is attachable to a vehicle suspension component and which includes an inboard inner race and an outboard inner race; and
- b) a vehicle-wheel-bearing monolithic, rotatable outer race assembly which is attachable to a vehicle wheel, which surrounds the shaft, and which includes an outboard outer race and an inboard outer race.

Claim 3 (original): A vehicle wheel bearing assembly comprising:

- a) a vehicle knuckle member which has a bore, which has a substantially-outboard-facing surface and a substantially-inboard-facing surface; and
- b) a vehicle wheel bearing having:
 - (1) a monolithic, non-rotatable shaft which includes an outboard inner race and a shoulder, wherein the shaft is disposed in the bore, wherein the shoulder abuts the substantially-outboard-facing surface, and wherein the shaft is attached to the vehicle knuckle member against the substantially-inboard-facing surface;
 - (2) an inboard inner race; and
 - (3) a monolithic, rotatable outer race assembly which surrounds the shaft and which includes an outboard outer race and an inboard outer race.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~The vehicle wheel bearing assembly of claim 3,~~ A vehicle wheel bearing assembly comprising:

- a) a vehicle knuckle member which has a bore, which has a substantially-outboard-facing surface and a substantially-inboard-facing surface; and
- b) a vehicle wheel bearing having:
 - (1) a monolithic, non-rotatable shaft which includes an outboard inner race and a

shoulder, wherein the shaft is disposed in the bore, wherein the shoulder abuts the substantially-outboard-facing surface, and wherein the shaft is attached to the vehicle knuckle member against the substantially-inboard-facing surface;

(2) an inboard inner race; and

(3) a monolithic, rotatable outer race assembly which surrounds the shaft and which includes an outboard outer race and an inboard outer race, wherein the shaft and the inboard inner race define a monolithic structure.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~The vehicle wheel bearing assembly of claim 3,~~ A vehicle wheel bearing assembly comprising:

a) a vehicle knuckle member which has a bore, which has a substantially-outboard-facing surface and a substantially-inboard-facing surface; and

b) a vehicle wheel bearing having:

(1) a monolithic, non-rotatable shaft which includes an outboard inner race and a shoulder, wherein the shaft is disposed in the bore, wherein the shoulder abuts the substantially-outboard-facing surface, and wherein the shaft is attached to the vehicle knuckle member against the substantially-inboard-facing surface;

(2) an inboard inner race; and

(3) a monolithic, rotatable outer race assembly which surrounds the shaft and which includes an outboard outer race and an inboard outer race, wherein the shaft has a deformed portion which abuts the substantially-inboard-facing surface.

Claim 6 (original): The vehicle wheel bearing assembly of claim 5, wherein the shaft and the inboard inner race define a monolithic structure.

Claims 7-26 (canceled)